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In re application of:

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the claims attached to the international application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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5. (Amended) A coupling agent according to claim 3, wherein said mixture is composed solely of biocompatible substances.